

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product comprising:
 - providing ~~an~~ a fetal immature T lymphocyte transfected with the foreign DNA;
 - irradiating a host mammal in order to transiently suppress T lymphocytes; and
 - introducing the transfected fetal immature T lymphocyte into thymus of the host mammalwherein existing T lymphocytes are suppressed;
 - and subsequently expressing said foreign DNA in thymus during differentiation and maturation of the fetal immature T lymphocyte in the thymus to reconstitute the immune system.
2. (Currently amended) The method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 1, comprising:
 - providing ~~an~~ a fetal immature T lymphocyte transfected with the foreign DNA;
 - irradiating a host mammal in order to transiently suppress T lymphocytes; and
 - introducing the transfected fetal immature T lymphocyte into thymus of the host mammal, and subsequently expressing said foreign DNA in thymus organ during differentiation and maturation of the fetal immature T lymphocyte.
3. (Previously presented) The method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 1, wherein the foreign DNA comprises at least a gene encoding a substance causing allergic diseases or a substance causing auto-immune diseases.

4. (Previously presented) The method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 1, wherein the foreign DNA comprises at least a gene encoding a peptide used for therapeutic medicament.
5. (Previously presented) The method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 1, wherein the foreign DNA comprises at least a gene and a vector.
6. (Previously presented) The method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 5, wherein the vector is a viral vector for transferring a foreign gene.
7. (Previously presented) The method of acquiring immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 6, wherein the viral vector is a vector derived from retrovirus, adenovirus, or lentivirus.
- 8-12. (Canceled)
13. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product characterized in that the foreign DNA is transferred into thymus mediated by fetal T lymphocytes.
14. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 13, characterized in that a foreign-DNA-transferred fetal T lymphocyte is introduced into thymus and said foreign DNA is expressed in thymus organ.

15. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 13, characterized in that the foreign DNA is DNA which at least comprises a vector.

16. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 15 characterized in that the vector is a viral vector for transferring a foreign gene.

17. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 16 characterized in that the viral vector is a vector derived from retrovirus, adenovirus, or lentivirus.

18. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 13, characterized in that the non-human animal belongs to rodents.

19. (Withdrawn) A non-human animal that has acquired immunological tolerance to a foreign DNA and/or its expression product according to Claim 18 characterized in that the non-human animal which belongs to rodents is a mouse.

20. (Canceled)